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Dear Dr. Rivers:

Thank you for your very cordial reply of June 18. This time it was I who was away (at the McCollum-Pratt meeting on the Chemical Basis of Heredity).

After thinking the matter over some more, I find that I already have so much to think about next Spring that it would be wiser for me to ask for a raincheck for your conference in January. I appreciate your concurrence on the question of the general overabundance of meetings, and the friendly way that you put it; quite beyond the general issue, I will just be too preoccupied at that particular time.

You have quit an illustrious group of participants and I am sure the meeting will be highly successful.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg